

August 4, 2024 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



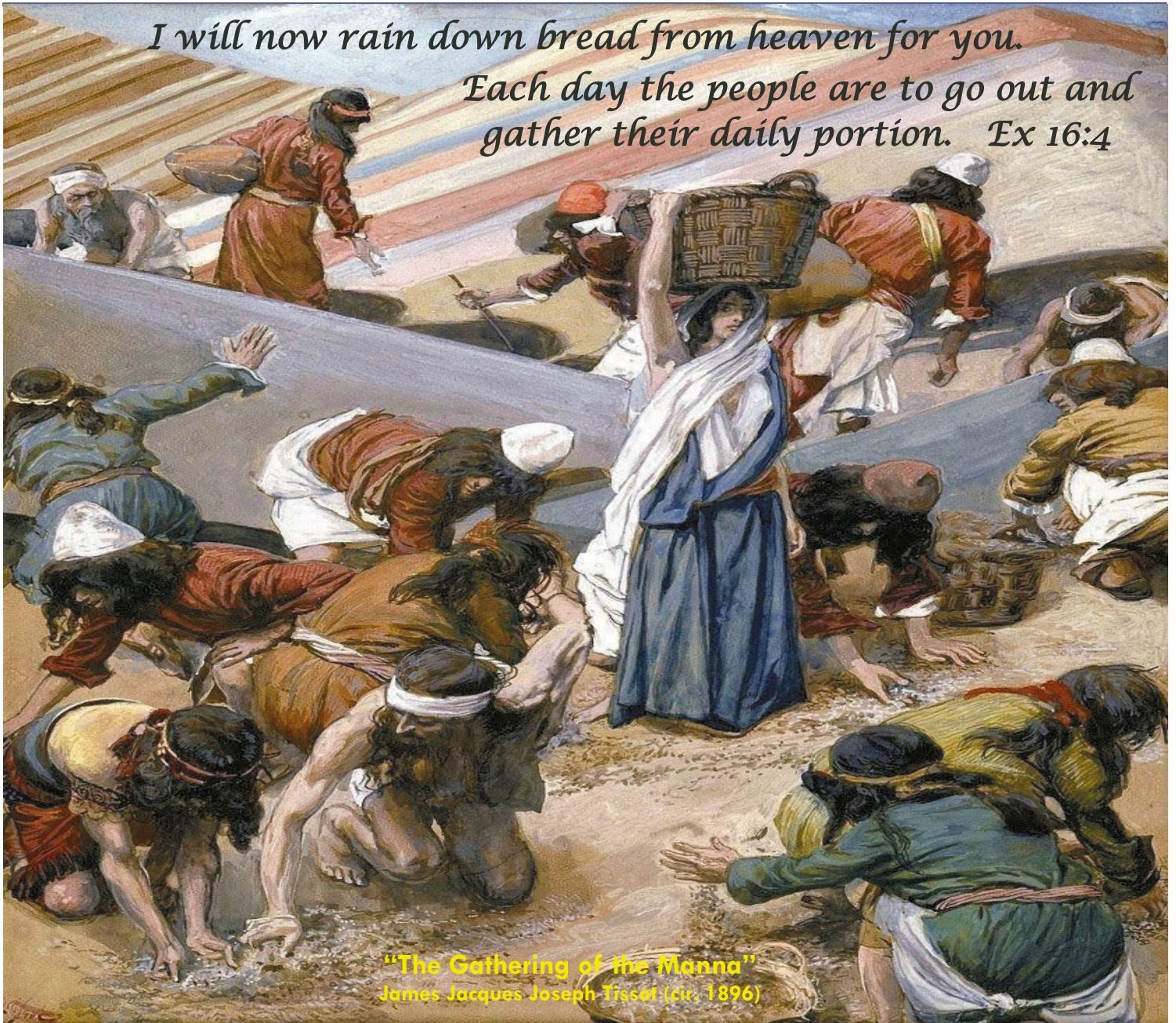
# *The Cathedral of* **SAINT JOSEPH**

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*I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.*

*Each day the people are to go out and  
gather their daily portion. Ex 16:4*



**"The Gathering of the Manna"**  
James Jacques Joseph Tissot (cir. 1896)

DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS

Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, Bishop



## LITURGY GUIDE - August 4, 2024

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

**Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.**

**Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.**

#### OPENING HYMN

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#### NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

**(striking breast three times)** *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;* Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,  
we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;  
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

The Israelites said to them,

"Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.

Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites.

Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp.

In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground.

On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was.

But Moses told them,

"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

**(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)**

The Lord gave them bread from heav - en.

Text: Refrain trans., *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL; verses, *New American Bible*, © 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: The glories of the Lord and his might, and the marvelous deeds he has done. **R**

He commanded the clouds above, and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna to eat, and gave them bread from heaven. **R**

Man ate the bread of angels. He send them abundance of food. So he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain his right hand had won. **R**

#### SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:

I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life,

corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please Stand*

*(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*



One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **R**

#### GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered them and said,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him,

"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them,

"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do?"

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

*He gave them bread from heaven to eat."*

So Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him,

"Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Please Stand*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit

*was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

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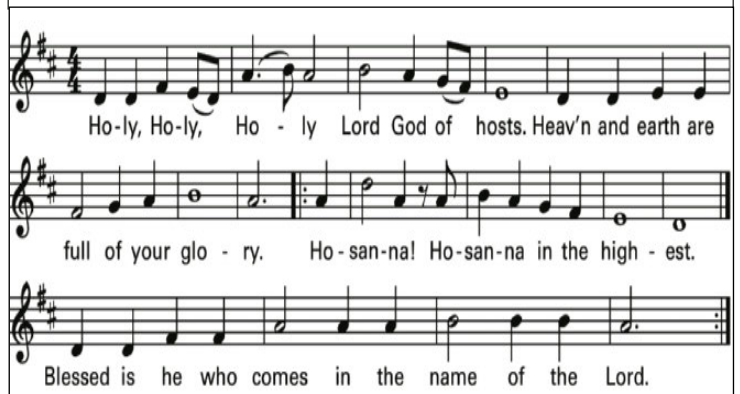
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Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### SANCTUS



#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



## AGNUS DEI



## ECCE AGNUS DEI

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON



## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

593

## SWEET SACRAMENT

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

## CLOSING HYMN

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## NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God

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O'Gorman Junior High,  
O'Gorman High School

**Did you know** Catholic schools offer a good balance between academic and religious instruction? Our Mission is exactly that. We invite you to check out the wonderful opportunities where you can START, STAY, and GROW with us. Scan the QR code to watch the video!



### Mark your Calendars!

Some exciting events happening in August and September. Check out the website at: [ogknights.org/about/events](http://ogknights.org/about/events) or click the QR code.



**Are you interested in being a host family?** O'Gorman High School is looking for 2 families to host 2 female - 11th grade international students. A host family provides a student from another country a place to live, learn, experience American culture, and be part of a family during their time here. If you have questions or are interested in hosting please contact Corbin Lehn at: [clehn@ogknights.com](mailto:clehn@ogknights.com) or (605) 575-3316.

## Catholic Diocese Employment Positions -

**Now Hiring:** Have you ever considered joining your work with your faith? Many open positions exist in our diocese that allow you to do just that! Positions include teachers, principals, business managers, graphic designers, directors in music liturgy, clinical directors and so much more. Browse all positions by scanning the QR code or visiting [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org) and clicking the employment opportunities link in the top right corner.



## ROSARY CRUSADE & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

1:00 PM Sunday August 18, 2024

*Jesus*

is coming to the Capitol  
to take a stand against SD Amendment G  
Will you join Him?

1:00 pm Procession & Rosary

Process around SD State Capitol building praying the Rosary

2:30 pm Guest Speakers

Dr. Pat Castle - Life Runners  
Jon Hansen - Life Defense Fund



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Questions

[Kathryn@jerichowall.org](mailto:Kathryn@jerichowall.org)

## FAITH AND BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2024 SUNDAY INTO MONDAY

Check out this speaker lineup! Whether it's South Dakota State University's **Coach John Stiegelmeier** or Theology and Philosophy professor **Jason Heron** or **Fr. Morgan** as a guest Panelist, our speakers are sure to bring you encouragement and tools to help you turn your Sundays into Mondays. This conference is for anyone looking for ways to integrate their faith into their workplace. Join us Thursday, **August 15** at the Sioux Falls Convention Center! Tickets are \$50 at [FaithandBusinessConference.com](http://FaithandBusinessConference.com).





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, DELL RAPIDS CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

All are welcome to join us on **August 9 - 10, 2024**  
**Friday, August 9th, 5 - 8 pm Fun in the Park**  
**Saturday, August 10th, 7 am - 3:30 pm Celebration**  
**"TO JESUS THROUGH MARY"**  
**Saturday, August 10th, 4:30 pm ANNIVERSARY MASS**



**Fr. James  
Bream**

In thanksgiving for all the people who have helped me over the past 60 years I cordially invite you to attend a casual and fun gathering to celebrate my...

#### **60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, August 11, 2024**

2:00 - 3:00 pm Mass and 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Refreshments & Story-telling at **St. Therese Catholic Church** - 901 N. Tahoe Trail, SFSD

**Held Grief Series presented by the Lourdes Center.** This 8-week Grief Series will begin Tuesday September 10, 2024 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. Registration is required. Free will donations accepted. Register at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com).



#### **"Under Mary's Mantle"**

##### Expectant Moms & Young Mothers

Mothers are invited to attend the next "Under Mary's Mantle" meeting of the series on topics of mothering during the early years on Wednesday, August 7, 9:30 am at Holy Spirit Church. The topic is

**"Breastfeeding and Catholic Motherhood."** If you were unable to attend previous meetings, you may join the remaining ones in the series. Young children are welcome. please contact Sandy Petree at: [umm6726@gmail.com](mailto:umm6726@gmail.com).

#### **Sioux Falls Pro-Life Breakfast**

**Fr. Robert Spitzer** of "Spitzer's Universe," is coming to Sioux Falls. This event is for ages 18 and up only.

Date: **August 10, 2024**

Time: **9:00 AM** - FREE Brunch

**9:30 AM** - Presentation (ends by noon)

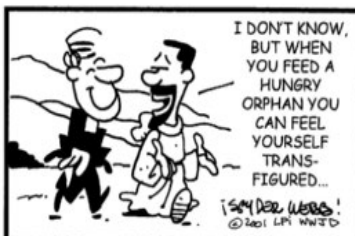
Location: **Holy Spirit Catholic Church Gym**  
 3601 E. Dudley Ln. Sioux Falls, SD

For more information or to register visit [www.healingtheculture.org/spitzersf/](http://www.healingtheculture.org/spitzersf/)

**Seats are limited. Register now!**



#### TRANSFIGURATION



#### Liturgical Roles

##### Daily Mass -

12:00 pm As Scheduled

##### August 10/11

##### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Susan Albers, Julie Cleary  
 7:30 am Sandy Fitzgibbons, Barbara Lockwood  
 9:15 am Karen Christiansen, Don Rahn  
 11:00 am Bob Lux, Michelle Sletten  
 4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

##### Lectors

4:00 pm Shawn Cleary, Ashley Martinmaas  
 7:30 am Michael Fitzgibbons  
 9:15 am Ruth Bordewyk, Nancy Tapken  
 11:00 am Eva Boyum, Max Boyum  
 4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

##### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
 7:30 am Thomas Mogle, James Mogle  
 9:15 am Henry Lanners, Leo Rutten, Quintin Rasmussen  
 11:00 am Jonathan Billion, Isaac Stanek, Joseph Tran  
 4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

##### Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Dennis Hance

**Dow Rummel** Tonia & Ryan Groeneweg

**Good Sam** Chris Lent

##### Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/  
 Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/  
 Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/  
 Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/  
 Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/  
 Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/  
 Jn 12:24-26

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/  
 Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

## CONGRATULATIONS

The first winner of the 500 Club for August 2024 is **Trey Jones**. He has received a check for \$90. We have given Father a check for \$390 for the Church. Over the last 25 years we have given over \$98,750 to Cathedral Parish. If you are interested in joining, applications are at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Membership is only \$5.00 a month. Applications received by August 26 will be in the September 2024 drawings. Call the office: **605-336-7390**.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon. Aug. 05•</b>	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>
12:00 pm	✠ John Ranek
<b>Tue. Aug. 06•</b>	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Fr. Antonio Ramos
<b>Wed. Aug. 07•</b>	<i>St. Sixtus II, Pope &amp; Companions, Martyrs;</i> <i>St. Cajetan, Priest</i>
12:00 pm	Teresa Kooima
<b>Thu. Aug. 08•</b>	<i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>
12:00 pm	Heather Gray
<b>Fri. Aug. 09•</b>	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,</i> <i>Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Sr. Janice Klein
<b>Sat. Aug. 10•</b>	<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr</i>
4:00 pm	✠ John Sweere
<b>Sun. Aug. 11•</b>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	✠ Dorothy Nash
9:15 am	Bill & Jolynn Henrich
11:00 am	Rusty & Brenda Fiegen
4:00 pm	Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

The five hanging Sanctuary Candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel are available for prayer intentions. The candles remain lit for a week.

- 1.) Reunion of all Christians
- 2.) Mary Lou Voigt
- 3.) Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- 4.) ✠ Tom Engel
- 5.) For our Cathedral Family

## Cathedral Events Calendar

### Monday - Friday 2:00 - 4:45 pm

Come pray before Jesus in the Tabernacle for those who are in need of healing: physical, emotional or spiritual.

### Monday, August 5-

6:30 pm - Young Adults

### Tuesday, August 6 -

9:00 am - Quilter's Group

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus

### Thursday, August 8 -

7:00 pm - Adoration and Reconciliation in the Chapel

### Saturday, August 10 -

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Reconciliation in the  
Cathedral Nave

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop O'Gorman Gift Cards - After August 4th,** Bishop O'Gorman Gift cards will **NOT** be available for purchase at the Cathedral Office. You may still buy them at the Central Office at O'Gorman Junior High or by calling [605-335-6557](tel:605-335-6557).

**Sacramental Prep Classes** - If you have a student who will be preparing for **First Communion** or **Confirmation** for the upcoming school year, please contact the Parish office [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) to register your child and give us your contact information. Father Morgan will be having an informational meeting soon. Please contact your child's Parish of Baptism for an updated **Baptismal Certificate**.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Classes** - We will have informational meetings and sign-ups on August 11 - after the 9:15 and 11:00am Masses. This is open to 3-4 yr. olds for this first year of the program.

**St. Joseph Cathedral Children's Choir** - provides a space for students to learn and participate in the sacred liturgy through the musical tradition of the Catholic Church. The **SJCCC** choral program is available to students within driving distance of Cathedral. The choir will meet for one rehearsal weekly in preparation for weekday solemnity Masses during the year and the choir schedule is created to not interfere with home parish involvement on weekends. For information or if you have a child interested in participating, please contact Nicole Gerdes at [ngerdes@sfcatholic.org](mailto:ngerdes@sfcatholic.org).

### Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Cathedral of St. Joseph's Family of Faith.

**Anna Hays**

**Hunter LaQua**

If you would like to become a Cathedral member please call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

### Celebration of Marriage

*Congratulations!*

**Michael Emery & Siwema Hassan**

*Blessings for a Healthy, Happy and Holy Marriage.*



**Anointed by the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism**

**Nick Dusabe Michael** - Son of Michael & Siwema Emery

**Giovanni Jayce Miles** - Son of DaMarcus Miles

& Giselle Silangcruz

**Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!**

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call Deacon Bill Radio ([605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)) for baptism planning.

### WEEKLY OFFERING JULY 27/28



Envelopes \$ 11,582.50

Online/EFT \$ 2,519.38

Visitors/Loose Cash \$ 4,857.75

**Total \$ 18,959.63**

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**Thank you for your Support and Prayers!**

## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** 605-336-7390

**Parish Office Email:** [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org)

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Friday  
**Closed** - Saturday and Sunday

### Cathedral Church Hours:

Monday-Saturday - 8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am-Noon & 3:30pm-5:00pm

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 4:00pm (First Saturday of the Month Mass 9:00am)

**Sunday** 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,  
4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

### Weekday Masses

**Cathedral** - Monday - Friday, 12:00pm (Noon)

**Monastery** - Monday - Saturday, 7:00am

### Confessions

**Thursday** 7:00pm w/Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel

**Saturday** 12:00pm & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Sacred Heart Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

### Adoration

**Sacred Heart Chapel** - Thurs. 7:00pm-8:00pm (Confessions)

**Cathedral** - 11:00am, First Friday of the month

**Monastery** - Mon-Sat 8:00am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6:00pm

### Tours

**Self-guided** - 1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment** 605-336-7390

### Parish Staff

**Rector**, Very Rev. James P. Morgan

**Parochial Vicar**, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

**Deacon**, William Radio

**Deacon**, Jonathan Eckrich

**Administrative Assistant**, Mary Anne Lux

**Director-Operations & Finance**, Heidi Solem

**Music Director**, Dr. Jared Ostermann

**Asst. Music Director**, Nicole Gerdes

**Tour Docent/Guide**, Susan Albers

**Wedding Coordinator**, Mary Enderson

### Counseling Services

**The Lourdes Center** - 605-988-3775

### Sacramental Preparation:

**Baptism** - The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11:AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at 605-336-7390.

**Matrimony** - Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others please contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net) under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick** - Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in the case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery** - St. Michael's Cemetery 605-338-3376

## CLERGY REFLECTIONS

As this is my first bulletin letter at my new assignment to St. Joseph Cathedral, Fr. Morgan thought it would be a good idea if I introduce myself. My name is Deacon Jonathan Eckrich. If that last name sounds familiar, perhaps that's because Fr. Brian Eckrich is my nephew. You might recall, he was assigned here at the Cathedral for a few years.

My wife is Lori. We have three daughters, Leigh (Sioux Falls), Maria (Ruckersville, VA) and Erin (Sioux Falls). We also have two grandsons, Jude and Simon. I grew up in Aberdeen in a family of ten. I received my Masters degree in Computer Engineering from Iowa State University, which by the way, is where I met Lori. She also is an engineer. I have a small company that manufactures specialized switches and digital voice devices for persons with disabilities. Next year, I'll retire from this position, freeing me up for more diaconate duties. Lori and I are grateful to be here, and I look forward to serving the Church here at St. Joseph. Enough about me.

Two recent news stories grabbed my attention. The first was about young adult Catholics in Canada, specifically British Columbia. This demographic (ages 18-34) is twice as likely to attend Mass on at least a monthly basis than is the next older generation. This greatly pleases me. It's so easy for my generation to trash this younger generation. We see this in social media memes all the time. We hear words like, "We had to walk to school, uphill, both ways." And, "My generation had to get up, and flip the turn knob to change the channel on the TV." Well, I'll tell you what, I like this younger generation way more than I like my own. Don't get me wrong, we who grew up in the sixties and seventies have many solid and admirable traits that have largely been forgotten. But we're the ones who forgot our faith. Virtually every one of my high school friends no longer practices his or her Catholic faith, and that's from a Catholic High School.

The second report was about the young families who attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Many of these families were quite large on today's standards, and many of them were very young. What an amazing and beautiful testament to the love of Church and the love of their children for a husband and wife to take their children to such an event. It's nearly unbelievable to me how those parents could summon the strength and patience to manage the sheer logistics of such an endeavor. It was more important for these parents to expose their children to the deep richness of our Catholic faith than it was for them to get solitude and adequate sleep. So, parents, encourage your children to love their faith, and do so primarily by example. And, if it seems overwhelming at times, know that God will provide. God be with you.

*Deacon Jon Eckrich*



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